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greetings

HEY BOOMERS!

Five faberoonie years of Sonic the Comic appear to have zoomed by, Boomers! Still, I remain as polished as ever, while the humes continue to age (between you and me, they've got more lines than a school book!). Anyway, it's time to give your fave read a stirring round of applause as we let the celebrations begin!

STC's gone the whole hog with a heavenly **17 PAGES** starring Sonic in a special celebratory **Showdown** story. The hero of the show stars in not one, not two, but **THREE SONIC EPISODES**! Guaranteed further friction all the way with Robotnik as he sinks *even* lower than before!

There's also a treat on the Poster front - the first half of a collectable **Buddies and Baddies Poster** (Sonic encounters some old foes next issue - see below).

Late arrivals to the party are **Decap Attack**. It's five years since Professor Frank N Stein created Chuck and Head, however, Igor's finding it difficult to wish them a Happy Birthday. Plus, as always your own mean, lean talent has been put to good use in the Graphic Zone - this time to the tune of **Party Dudes**.

That's enough from me - enjoy this special Birthday issue and a mega huge thank-you to Boomers old and new. May I congratulate you on your impeccable taste!

Megadroid

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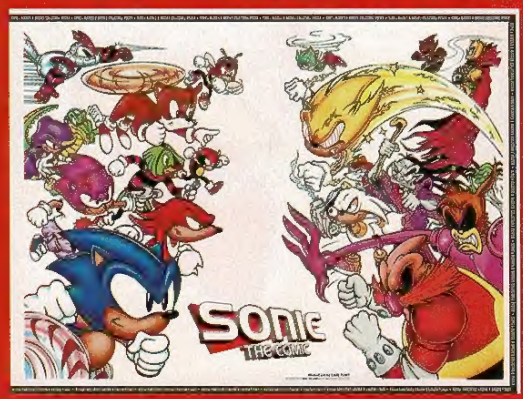


You asked for a gathering of the gang, which is why in the centre-spread you'll find the first half of your collectable **Sonic's Buddies and Baddies Poster** (friends this issue, foes the next!).

Simply detach the centre-spread and store in a safe place until those mean, mischievous menaces appear in all their *gory* for the second half, in *STC* 131.

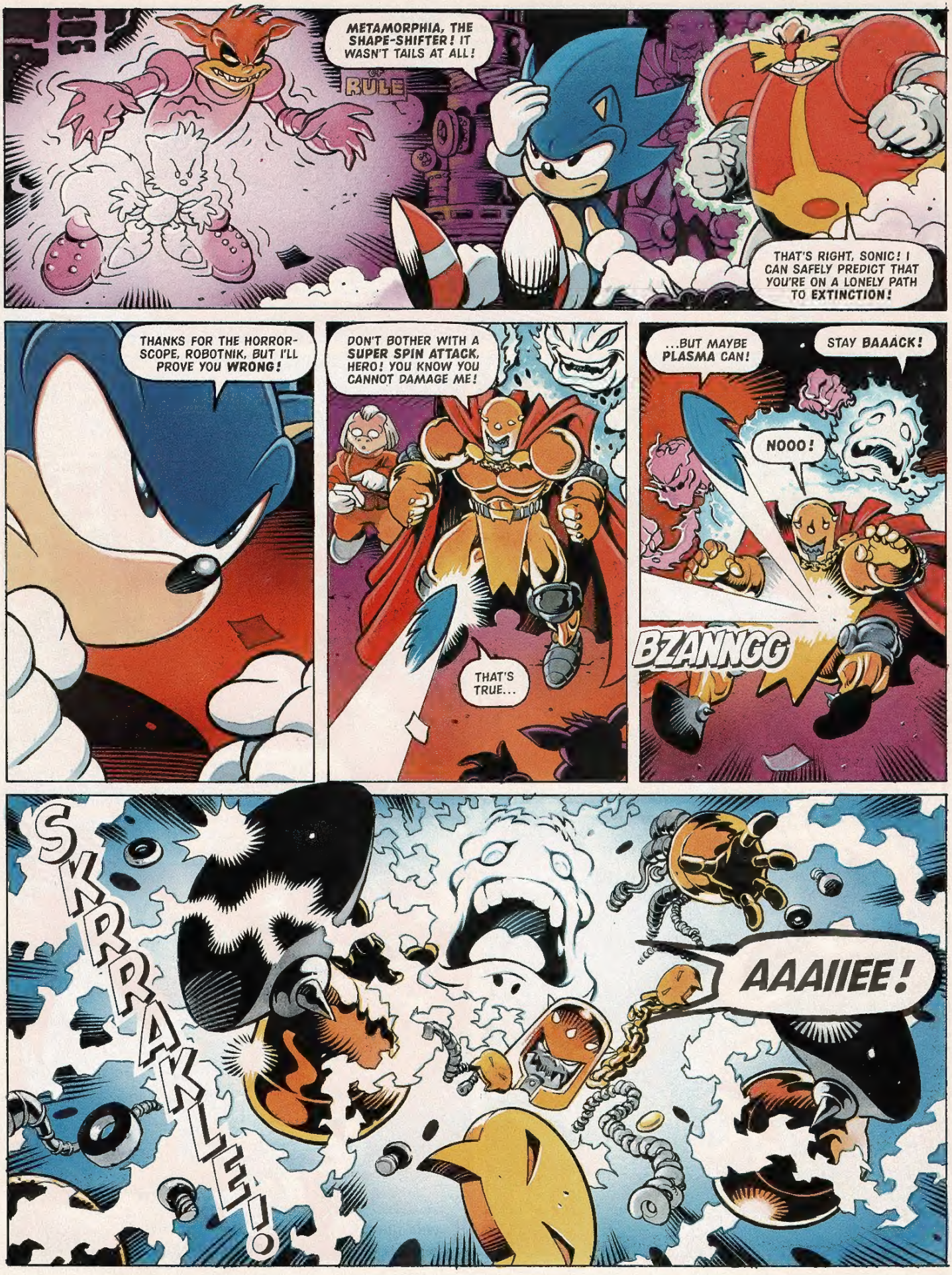
SONIC
PART 1
SHOWDOWN
Script: LEW STRINGER & NIGEL KITCHING
B & w art: RICHARD ELSON Colour: NIGEL DOBBYN
Lettering: TOM FRAME
BY ABSORBING POWER FROM THE CHAOS EMERALDS, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HAS GAINED AMAZING NEW ABILITIES!
TO PUT IT SIMPLY, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK CAN NOW DO ANYTHING!
FAZAKKK!
SO YOU HAVE A METALLIX, DO YOU?
THAT WON'T STOP ME, ROBOTNIK... SOMEHOW I'LL FIND A WAY TO BEAT YOU!
AND HOW WILL YOU MANAGE THAT, SONIC MY BOY?
LOOK AROUND YOU... I HAVE COMPLETELY RECREATED MOBIUS! IN THIS REALITY I HAVE RULED FOR YEARS AND YOU NEVER EXISTED!

YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE, SONIC! GIVE UP NOW AND I MAY GO EASY ON YOU!
GIVE UP? NO WAY, I'VE BEEN IN WORSE SPOTS THAN THIS!
"WORSE SPOTS THAN THIS"?
KADANGGG
HEDGEHOG, I THINK YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND MY POWER...
FAZAKKK!
ANYTHING I IMAGINE I CAN MAKE INTO REALITY!
YEAH? WELL, YOU NEVER DID HAVE MUCH OF AN IMAGINATION, DID YOU?
FAZAKK!
THUD!
UNNNNH!

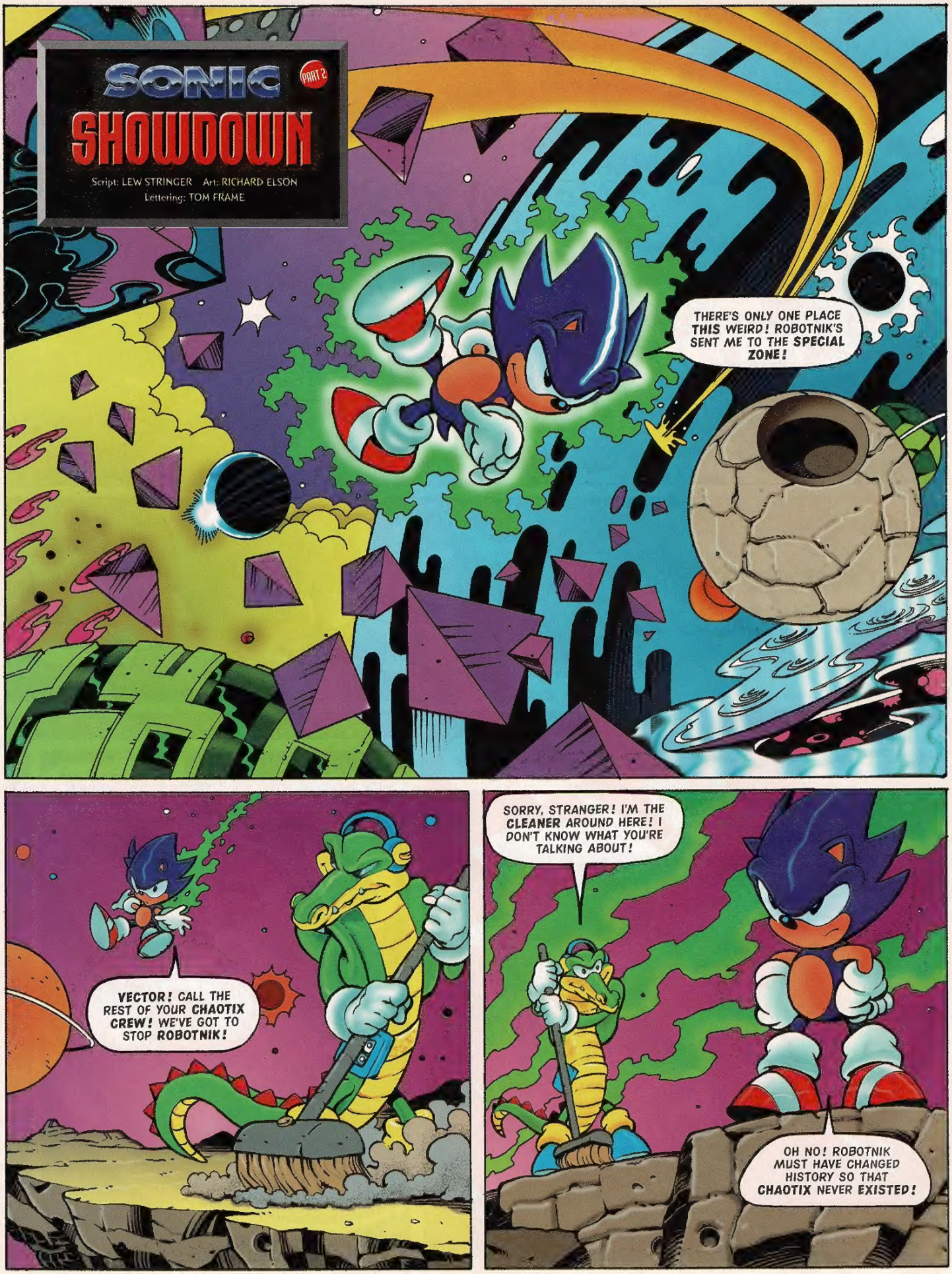
SPLSSSSH!
WHAT... MEGATOX?
I HAVE THE ABILITY TO BRING BACK YOUR OLD ENEMIES, SONIC... ALL I HAVE TO DO IS VISUALISE THEM!
WAKK!
AGGH!
I'VE BEATEN ALL THESE BOZOS IN THE PAST... I'LL DO IT AGAIN!
AH, BUT YOU'VE NEVER HAD TO FIGHT THEM ALL AT THE SAME TIME BEFORE!
PLASMA! HEY, ROBOTNIK, YOU'RE REALLY SCRAPING THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL NOW!
DON'T FORGET ME, ARNEM ABACUS!

SO, YOU PREFER A MORE WORTHY OPPONENT, DO YOU?
THEN I'LL GIVE YOU WHAT YOU WANT!
NO! FORMING ITSELF FROM THAT JUNK... A FIGURE I HOPED I'D NEVER SEE AGAIN!
BRUTUS!
I LIVE AGAIN!

YOU'RE FINISHED NOW, SPIKEBALL! REMEMBER, I AM PROGRAMMED WITH THE BRAIN PATTERNS OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HIMSELF!
NOBODY'S PERFECT.
FRRAM!
IT'S SIX AGAINST ONE! MAYBE I SHOULD EVEN THE ODDS A LITTLE!
DON'T PRETEND YOU CARE, POTATO-FACE!
TAILS! I THOUGHT HE... DIDN'T EXIST IN THIS NEW TIME ZONE!
THE POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS ENABLES ME TO BRING LIFE TO ANYONE, FOOL!
DON'T HANG ABOUT, BUDDY! WE'VE GOT SIX VILLIANS TO SORT OUT!
MAKE THAT SEVEN, LOSER!
WHAM!
WHA-UUGHH!


METAMORPHIA, THE SHAPE-SHIFTER! IT WASN'T TAILS AT ALL!
RULE
THAT'S RIGHT, SONIC! I CAN SAFELY PREDICT THAT YOU'RE ON A LONELY PATH TO EXTINCTION!
THANKS FOR THE HORROR-SCOPE, ROBOTNIK, BUT I'LL PROVE YOU WRONG!
DON'T BOTHER WITH A SUPER SPIN ATTACK, HERO! YOU KNOW YOU CANNOT DAMAGE ME!
THAT'S TRUE...
...BUT MAYBE PLASMA CAN!
STAY BAAACK!
NOOO!
BZANNGG
SKRRAKLE!!
AAAIIEE!

THE IMPACT WITH BRUTUS HAS DISRUPTED PLASMA'S ELECTRONS! IT-IT'S STARTING A CHAIN REACTION!
SKRRAKLE!
LOOKS LIKE YOUR PARTY'S GETTING A LITTLE OUT OF HAND, ROBOTNIK! TIME I LEFT!
FWHUUM!
UUHHHNN!
ROUND ONE TO YOU, SONIC, BUT YOU'RE GETTING TIRED... WORN DOWN!
NNGH! I...I CAN BEAT WHATEVER YOU THROW AT ME!
GLAD TO HEAR IT... FOR THE WORST IS YET TO COME!
CONTINUED...IN THE NEXT STORY IN THIS SPECIAL ISSUE!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PART 2
SHOWDOWN
Script: LEW STRINGER Art: RICHARD ELSON
Lettering: TOM FRAME
THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE THIS WEIRD! ROBOTNIK'S SENT ME TO THE SPECIAL ZONE!
VECTOR! CALL THE REST OF YOUR CHAOTIX CREW! WE'VE GOT TO STOP ROBOTNIK!
SORRY, STRANGER! I'M THE CLEANER AROUND HERE! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
OH NO! ROBOTNIK MUST HAVE CHANGED HISTORY SO THAT CHAOTIX NEVER EXISTED!

HAHAHA! THAT'S RIGHT, HEDGEHOG! WITH MY NEW POWERS I CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING!
HMM. EXCEPT YOUR SOCKS, UNFORTUNATELY!
OI! SHOW SOME RESPECT, MATEY!
FUMP!
UGGNNN! MISTER FRY!
THAT'S ALL I NEED! LORD SIDEWINDER AND HIS DODGY MATES!
THAT'S OVERLORD SIDEWINDER TO YOU, PEASANT!
GET IT, SONIC? WITH NO CHAOTIX CREW TO STOP HIM, SIDEWINDER IS NOW RULER OF THE SPECIAL ZONE!
MY SUPER SPIN ATTACK WILL KNOCK THAT SMILE OFF HIS FACE!
TRIP!
WHUU?
M-MY SPEED... MY SKILL... GONE!

OH, BY THE WAY, I TOOK AWAY YOUR POWERS— SIMPLY BECAUSE I CAN!
YOU'RE REALLY ENJOYING THIS AREN'T YOU?
WE'RE ALL GOING TO ENJOY THIS! OVER TO YOU, MISTER FRY!
SWAT!
AAGH!
WHY THANK-YOU, BIO-HAZARD! ANYONE FOR TENNIS?
NNGH!
THWAK!
THIS IS TOO EASY!
PATIENCE, LIGHTMARE! ONCE SONIC IS DEFEATED WE CAN TURN OUR ATTENTION TO OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE...
...STEALING ROBOTNIK'S POWER SO THAT I CAN RULE THE UNIVERSE!

WHAAAT?
ULP! THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH SUPREME BEINGS! THEY DON'T MISS A THING!
AAIE! HE'S TURNING US TO STO--
STONE! AS A WARNING TO ANY-ONE ELSE WHO MAY BETRAY ME!
YOU JUST CAN'T TRUST ANYONE THESE DAYS, CAN YOU, DOCTOR?
SILENCE!
ARRGH! YOU ARE TOUCHY TODAY!
BRAVE WORDS, SONIC, BUT I WILL BREAK YOUR SPIRIT! THEN, AS YOU BEG FOR MERCY, I WILL DESTROY YOU FOREVER!
COUGH! BIG DEAL

ALL THAT POWER, AND YOU'RE STILL SO SCARED OF LOSING, THAT YOU TOOK AWAY MY SPECIAL ABILITIES!
STILL, AT LEAST KNUCKLES WON'T SEE ME HUMILIATED!
ME, SCARED? I'LL RETURN YOUR SPEED SKILLS... AND LET KNUCKLES WITNESS YOUR EMBARRASSING DEFEAT!
EXCELLENT! I TRICKED SPUD-FACE INTO SENDING ME TO THE FLOATING ISLAND!
KNUCKLES! I'VE FIGURED OUT A WAY TO BEAT ROBOTNIK, BUT IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOU!
ANY ENEMY OF MIGHTY ROBOTNIK IS AN ENEMY OF MINE!
WHAMM!
NNGH! THIS IS GETTING TO BE A HABIT!
THE STORY CONCLUDES... IN PART THREE THIS ISSUE!

FRANKY FIBBER

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YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH!!

AT SCHOOL ONE MORNING...

YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHAT—

WHAT! WHAT!?

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FRESH BUNS AND CAKES

I SAW TEDDY SHERINGHAM DOWN THE SUPERMARKET

IN THE FROZEN PIZZA SECTION...

AND THEN ZOLA!

PIZZA

OH SURE...

YEAH RIGHT.

AND BUYING SOME WINE GUMS...

SOMERFIELD

WINE GUMS

AND ALLY McCOIST!

YOU'RE A LIAR!!

SO—

I CAN PROVE IT!

LOOK!

YOU'RE SO COOL FRANKY FIBBER!

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WOW!

RP!!

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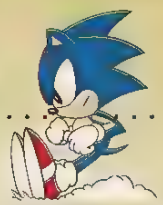

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POETRY IN MOTION

Dear Megadroid,
As you're the coolest droid this side of the galaxy, I thought you might be up for printing my poem...

Charmy is barmy
Vector's a bright spark
Take care not to meet a Badnik in the dark
Tekno is technical
Amy is pink
If you smelled Robotnik's underwear
I'm sure it would stink!

Edward Taylor,
Holme on Spalding Moor, York.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

Hopefully, I will never know for certain, Ed!

Send your e-mail messages to:
stc@egmont.co.uk
Be sure to include your snail mail (postal) address if you want to win a prize!

CHUBBY'S CHUMS

Dear Megadroid,
I've been wondering whether Doctor Robotnik actually has any friends?
Katherine Baker,
Sudbury, Suffolk.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

Better read on, Katherine! The final part of this issue's Showdown story will give you your answer!

BIRTH OF A DROID

Dear *STC*,
I think the idea of Megadroid introducing the comic and answering letters is fabbio. I would like to find out who the hume is who came up with the idea of hiring Megadroid? Peace man!
Kevin Newton,
Timperley, Cheshire.
GG, MD owner.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

Megadroid was the brain droid of STC's original editorial chief whip, Richard Burton (no, not the Welsh one!).

ROGUES' GALLERY

Dear Megadroid,
Please could you make a Pin-up with Doctor Robotnik and his evil cronies. Most of the artwork focuses on the goodies, so artwork starring just the baddies would make a good change.
Yours Booming hopefully...
Lee Jones,
Burton-On-Trent, Staffs.
Saturn owner.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

The second half of the collectable poster features the Doc, plus his evil cronies next issue, Lee.

Michael Loxley,
Gateshead, Tyne & Wear.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

SONIC
SHOWDOWN
SO YOU SEE, SONIC, IN THIS REALITY, KNUCKLES IS MY FAITHFUL SERVANT! RIGHT, KNUCKLES?
I LIVE TO SERVE YOU, MASTER!
TERRIFIC!
DESTROY SONIC NOW!
WITH PLEASURE!
KAROOM!
THIS IS BAD. I WASN'T COUNTING ON ROBOTNIK TURNING KNUCKLES EVIL... I'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING FAST!

I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED THAT YOU'D TRY SOMETHING LIKE THIS, ROBOTNIK!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, HEDGEHOG?
DARN YOU! HOLD STILL!
YOU KNOW DEEP DOWN THAT EVEN ALONE I'LL STILL BEAT YOU EVENTUALLY...
AND IF KNUCKLES WAS ON MY SIDE, WE'D WIN EASILY!
YOU THINK ONE RIDICULOUS BLUE HEDGEHOG AND A MEASLY ECHIDNA CAN DEFEAT ME?
HAHAHAHAHA!
THEN TRY US, ROBOTNIK... I DARE YOU!
YOU INSUFFERABLE IMBECILE! DO YOU REALLY THINK I'M FRIGHTENED OF YOU?
ALL RIGHT, I'LL TURN KNUCKLES BACK TO NORMAL... FOR ALL THE GOOD IT WILL DO YOU!

OOOH, WH...WHAT'S GOING ON? I HAD SOME KIND OF WEIRD DREAM AND...
PREPARE TO MEET YOUR DOOM, SONIC!
HANG ON A SECOND, BUTTER-BALL! KNUCKLES NEEDS A LITTLE TIME TO GET HIS HEAD AROUND WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!
VERY WELL, SONIC, I'LL COUNT TO A HUNDRED!
THEN I WILL DESTROY YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL!
LISTEN, CAREFULLY, KNUCKLES, WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME!
SEE THAT DEVICE ON THE FLOOR OVER THERE?
SURE, IT'S THE MACHINE ROBOTNIK USED TO ABSORB THE EMERALD POWER IN THE FIRST PLACE!
...NINETY-NINE... ONE HUNDRED!
READY OR NOT, HERE I COME!

SO THAT'S YOUR PLAN IS IT?
YOU THINK YOU CAN TURN MY OWN MACHINE AGAINST ME... TAKE AWAY ALL MY EMERALD POWER!
AGGGGH!
SHOOOM!
ONLY I KNOW HOW TO OPERATE THAT MACHINE... DID YOU REALLY THINK SUCH A PATHETIC PLAN WOULD WORK?
NO, NOT REALLY...
I JUST NEEDED TO DISTRACT YOU FOR A FEW SECONDS, SO THAT KNUCKLES COULD GET INTO POSITION!
THE ECHIDNA...
THE GREY EMERALD! NO!
THAT'S RIGHT, ROBOTNIK, THE GREY EMERALD... THE CONTROL EMERALD!
KNUCKLES... PLEASE...

I'VE GOT TO CONCENTRATE... USE THE EMERALD TO RECONFIGURE ALL THE EMERALD ENERGY INTO ITS ORIGINAL PATTERN!
IN OTHER WORDS, UNDO ALL THE HARM YOU'VE DONE!
NOT FORGETTING REMOVING ALL THE EMERALD POWER FROM YOU, OF COURSE!
NO! I WAS SO CLOSE!
HE'S GONE... WHAT HAPPENED?
I...I'M NOT SURE... IT'S LIKE HIS BODY HAD BECOME SO USED TO BEING EMERALD-POWERED, IT COULDN'T EXIST WITHOUT IT!
LATER, IN THE EMERALD HILL ZONE.
Y'KNOW, SONIC, I THINK IT ACTUALLY WORKED!
NOBODY REMEMBERS A THING ABOUT ROBOTNIK BEING A SUPREME POWER... IT'S LIKE IT NEVER HAPPENED!
SO WHY ARE YOU SO GLUM, SONIC?
LOOK, WE'VE JUST WON ONE OF THE GREATEST VICTORIES EVER, RIGHT? AGAINST AN ENEMY SO POWERFUL HE COULD HAVE DESTROYED US WITH A THOUGHT!
SO?
SO WHAT'S THE POINT OF BEING A BIG HERO WHEN NOBODY CAN EVEN REMEMBER IT?
...BUT WE KNOW DIFFERENT, BOOMERS— Megadroid.
THE END

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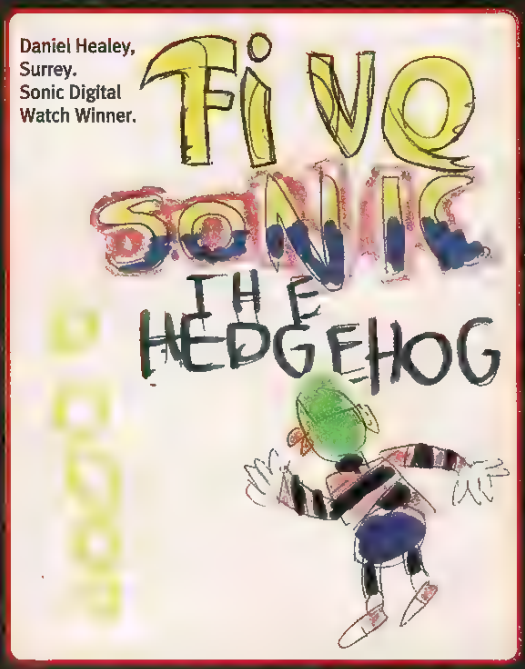
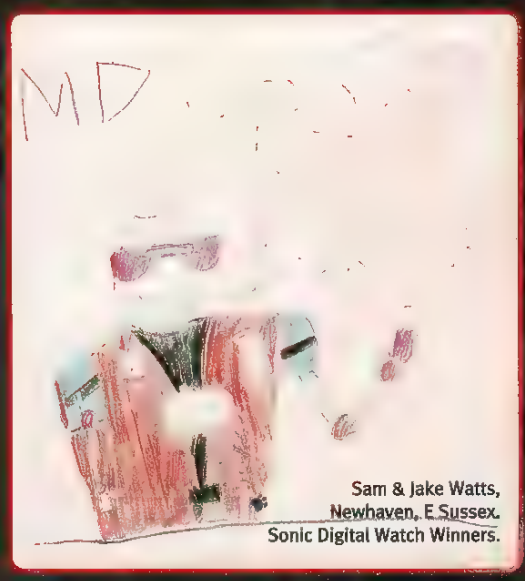
Sleaford, Lincs.
Sonic Digital Watch Winner.

Daniel Healey,
Surrey.
Sonic Digital
Watch Winner.

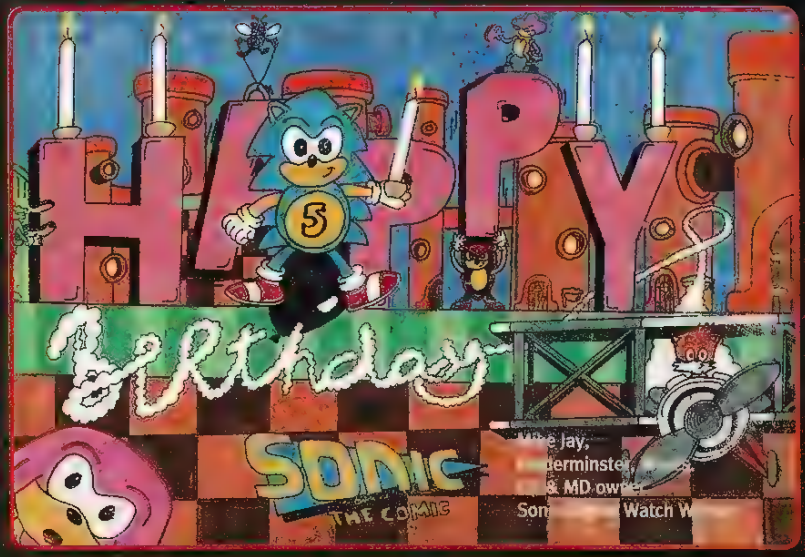




Sam & Jake Watts,
Newhaven, E Sussex.
Sonic Digital Watch Winners.

Aaron Foster, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. GG/MCD/MD/Saturn owner. Sonic Digital Watch Winner.

Beswick, Manchester. Sonic Digital Watch Winner.



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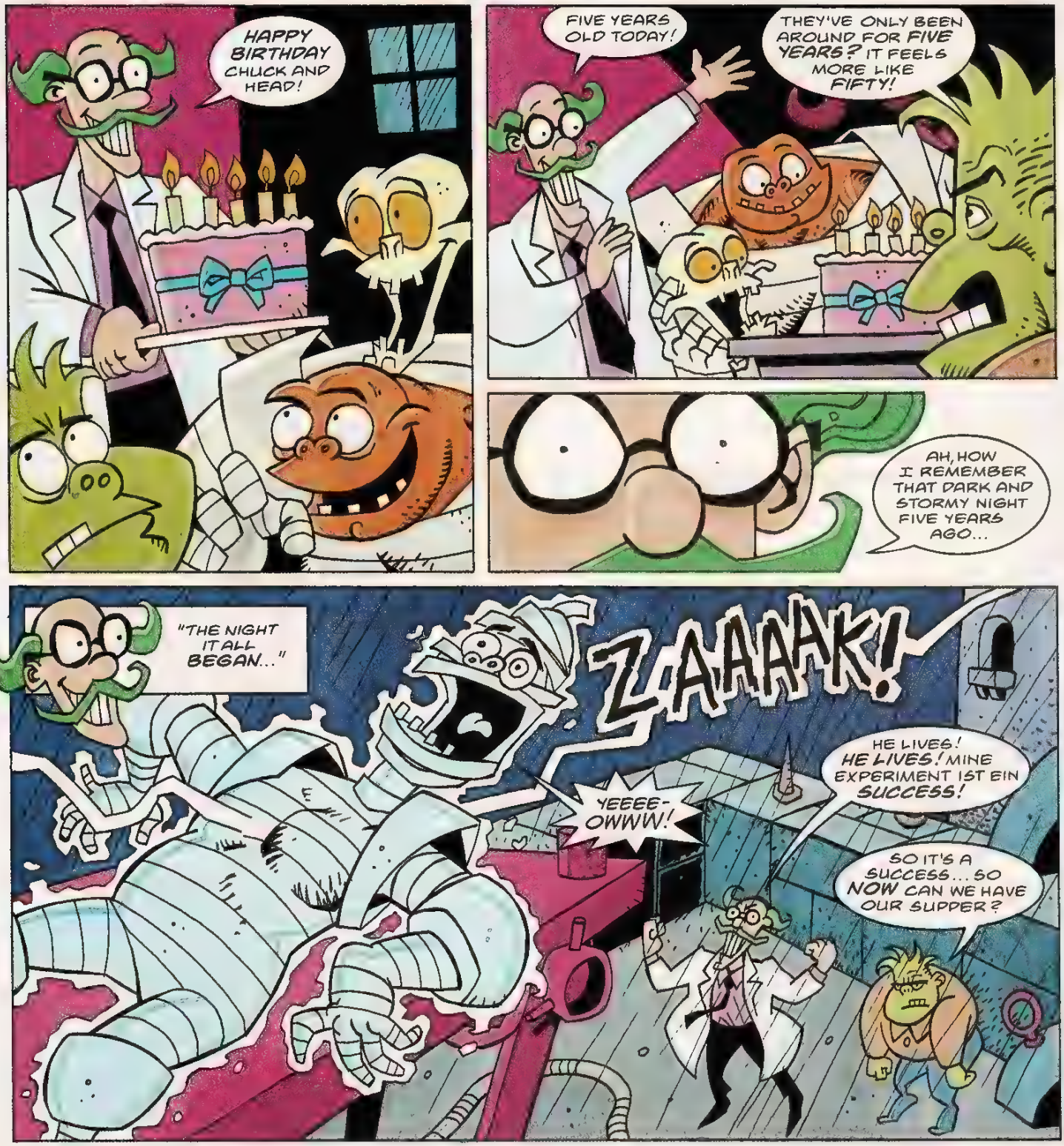
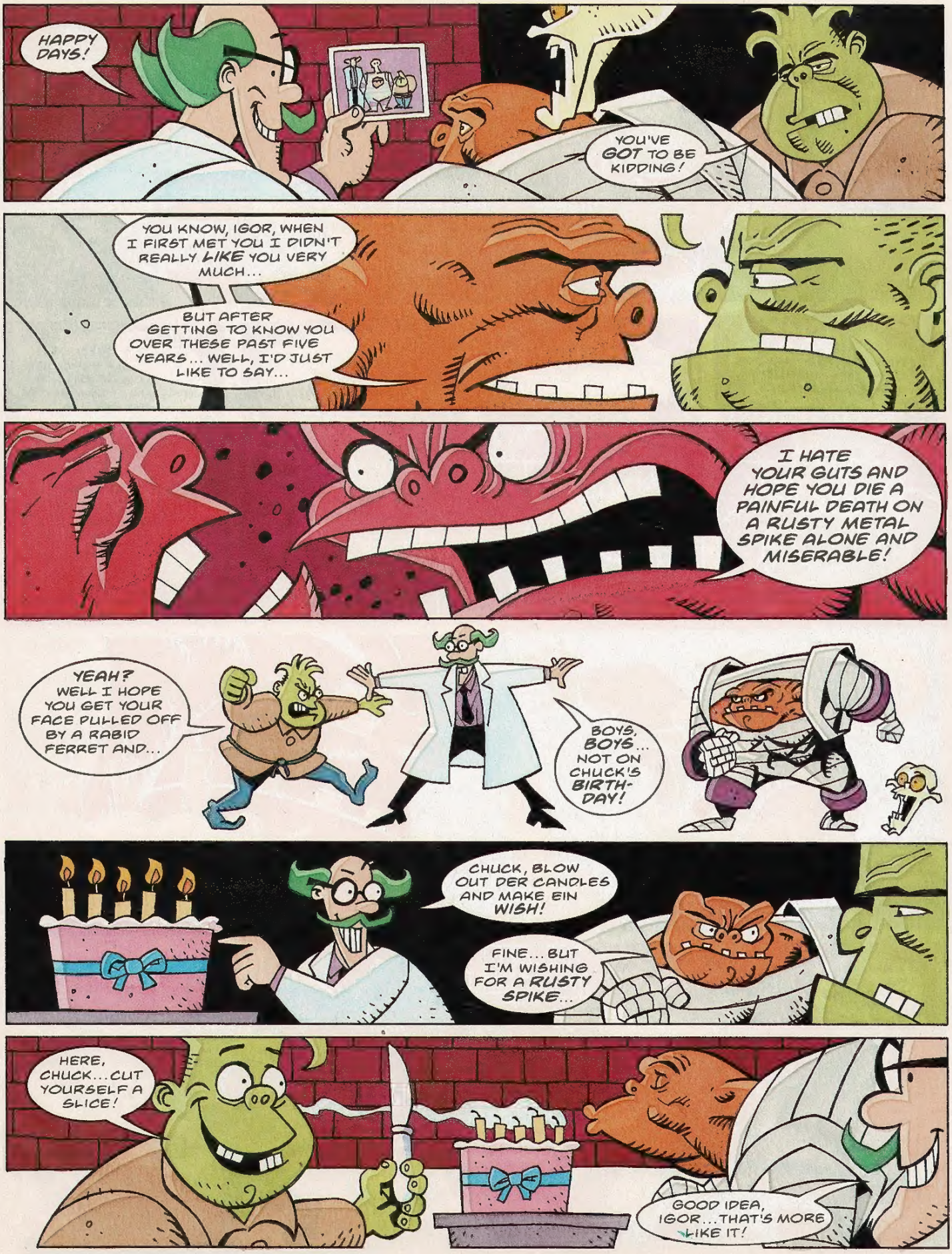
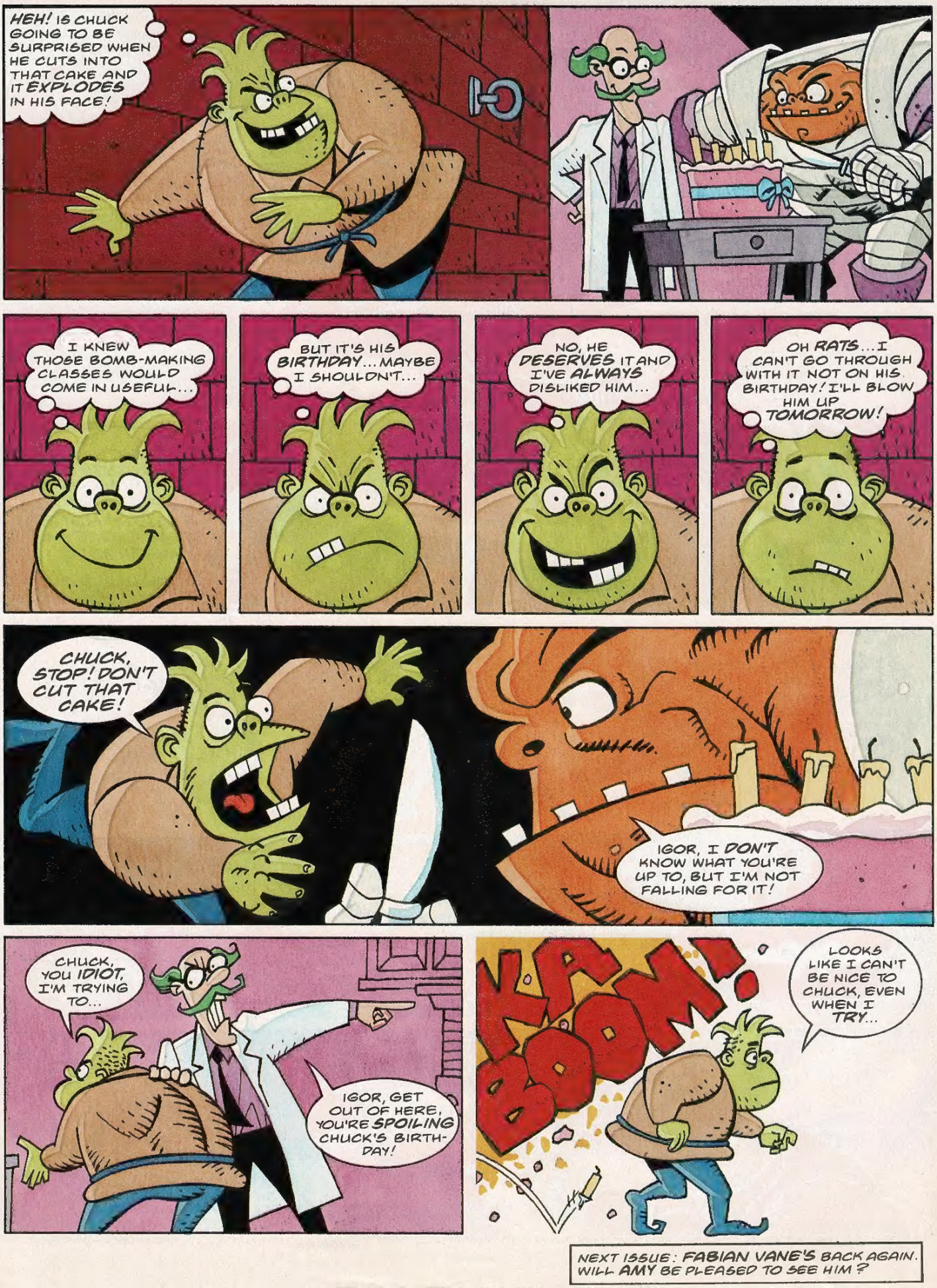

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHUCK AND HEAD!
FIVE YEARS OLD TODAY!
THEY'VE ONLY BEEN AROUND FOR FIVE YEARS? IT FEELS MORE LIKE FIFTY!
AH, HOW I REMEMBER THAT DARK AND STORMY NIGHT FIVE YEARS AGO...
"THE NIGHT IT ALL BEGAN..."
ZAAAAK!
HE LIVES! HE LIVES! MINE EXPERIMENT IST EIN SUCCESS!
YEEEE-OWWW!
SO IT'S A SUCCESS... SO NOW CAN WE HAVE OUR SUPPER?

"HOW I REMEMBER MEETING MY CREATION FOR DER VERY FIRST TIME..."
SEE IGOR, I TOLD YOU I COULD CREATE LIFE FROM THOSE CORPSES YOU STOLE FROM DER GRAVEYARD!
THAT REMINDS ME, WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THE BITS OF BRAIN YOU COULDN'T FIT INTO HIS HEAD?
YOU MEAN YOU PUT THEM IN THAT SKULL? I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
HI!
IT VAS EITHER THAT OR FEED THEM TO DER CAT!
ARE YOU SAYING THAT I ONLY HAVE HALF A BRAIN?
OF COURSE NOT... IT'S TWO THIRDS AT LEAST!
LOOK OUT!
KRUNNCH!

NO! VOT HAS HAPPENED TO HIS HEAD...? QUICKLY IGOR, WE'VE GOT TO FIND IT!
HURRY IGOR... IT'S GOT TO BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE!
TAKE IT EASY, PROF... DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD!
IGOR, I'M WARNING YOU...
HOW ABOUT THIS? ONE HEAD'S PRETTY MUCH AS GOOD AS ANOTHER!
JA JA... IT WORKS FOR ME!
I DON'T MIND YOU STITCHING ME TOGETHER OUT OF MOULDY OLD CORPSES!
I DON'T EVEN MIND BEING HIT ON THE HEAD BY HALF A TON OF STEEL...
BUT THIS IS TOO MUCH!


HAPPY DAYS!
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!
YOU KNOW, IGOR, WHEN I FIRST MET YOU I DIDN'T REALLY LIKE YOU VERY MUCH...
BUT AFTER GETTING TO KNOW YOU OVER THESE PAST FIVE YEARS... WELL, I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY...
I HATE YOUR GUTS AND HOPE YOU DIE A PAINFUL DEATH ON A RUSTY METAL SPIKE ALONE AND MISERABLE!
YEAH? WELL I HOPE YOU GET YOUR FACE PULLED OFF BY A RABID FERRET AND...
BOYS, BOYS... NOT ON CHUCK'S BIRTH-DAY!
CHUCK, BLOW OUT DER CANDLES AND MAKE EIN WISH!
FINE... BUT I'M WISHING FOR A RUSTY SPIKE...
HERE, CHUCK... CUT YOURSELF A SLICE!
GOOD IDEA, IGOR... THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!


HEH! IS CHUCK GOING TO BE SURPRISED WHEN HE CUTS INTO THAT CAKE AND IT EXPLODES IN HIS FACE!
I KNEW THOSE BOMB-MAKING CLASSES WOULD COME IN USEFUL...
BUT IT'S HIS BIRTHDAY... MAYBE I SHOULDN'T...
NO, HE DESERVES IT AND I'VE ALWAYS DISLIKED HIM...
OH RATS... I CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT NOT ON HIS BIRTHDAY! I'LL BLOW HIM UP TOMORROW!
CHUCK, STOP! DON'T CUT THAT CAKE!
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